GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
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High-Ash Indian Coal
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the global push to end coal usage appears to be a manifestation, which is sometimes aimed at limiting dangerous forms of growth but often ends up being against all new growth;
(b) If so, the details thereof and reaction of the Government thereto;
(c) Whether the cleaner coal requires innovation to work well with high-ash Indian coal; and
(d) If so, the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL, POWER AND NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) & (b): Coal is the main stay of India's energy with over 55% share in primary energy supply and over 75% in electricity generation. The situation is envisaged to continue for at least next two decades.

(c) & (d): Coal is a naturally occurring mineral. In general, Indian coal has comparatively higher ash contents. Supply of cleaner coal from high ash Indian coal is mainly through coal beneficiation and coal washing. Technologies for coal washing are available and industry is practicing the same. Coal India Limited envisages setting up 15 new washeries for a total raw coal throughput capacity of 112 MTY of which non coking coal washing capacity is about 94 MTY and coking-coal about 18 MTY.

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